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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Masataka KINJO  
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For : METHOD OF ANALYZING A  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACID  
Art Unit : 1656  
Examiner : J. Tung

**AMENDMENT FILED CONCOMITANT WITH  
CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following claims:

*F* *Sub G5* 39. (New) A method according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein at least one of the forward primer and the reverse primer is labeled with a detectable marker molecule, and at least the number of labeled primer molecules being known.

40. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the amplification step is performed by using the forward and reverse

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